Asian Elephants

Towards a peaceful coexistence between humans and elephants in Bukit Tigapuluh, Indonesia (Phase III).

ASE-0605 Frankfurt Zoological Society

Grant# F12AP01050

FWS: \$57,288 Leveraged Funds: \$79,962 Location: Bukit Tigapuluh, Sumatra, Indonesia

This project will promote a conflict hotline so people can report incidents of humanelephant conflict (HEC), and maintain the current information network which provides information to police about illegal activity such as the killing of elephants. This project will also investigate the causes of HEC and give site-specific strategies to reduce it, support local people and forest police in their HEC reduction efforts, test HEC methods frequently to ensure they work and work well, and help increase people's tolerance of elephants.

Development and evaluation of a local intelligence gathering network to better protect the elephants and other high-value mammals in Way Kambas National Park.

ASE-0630 Wildlife Conservation Society

Grant# F12AP00719

FWS: \$57,520 Leveraged Funds: \$58,163

Location: Way Kambas National Park, Sumatra, Indonesia

This project aims to evaluate and improve how local wildlife related information is gathered, while also monitoring human-elephant conflict (HEC) reduction efforts by villagers and government agencies. Intelligence gathering would include information on elephant carcasses found by people while working in their fields, while legally collecting forest products, fishing, etc., word of poachers in the area, encroachment activity. Park staff will also be trained on intelligence-led patrolling and Management Information System or possibly another system.

Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation: A Multi-Pronged Strategy in Bahundangi Village, Eastern Nepal.

ASE-0613 University of Florida

Grant# F12AP01052

FWS: \$50,000 Leveraged Funds: \$46,336

Location: Eastern Nepal

The purpose of project is to fill data gaps and develop a system that allows the Bahundangi community to reduce human-elephant conflict (HEC) in a sustainable and self-sufficient manner. The long-term goal is an 80% decrease in crop depredation with no human or elephant casualties by 2025. The grantee, in collaboration with Nature Conservation Society and others, will use GPS transmitters to track elephant movement, develop action plans and HEC reduction framework, provide training, education, and outreach programs, and advocate for policy at the national and transboundary levels.

Securing elephant habitat through community-based conservation reserve, incentive programme

for conservation and strengthening protection measures in protected areas of the Balpakram Baghmara Landscape, Garo Hill, Meghalaya, India.

ASE-0623 Samrakshan Charitable Trust

Grant# F12AP01130

FWS: \$46,530 Leveraged Funds: \$24,714

Location: Meghalaya, India

The purpose of this project is to secure remnant community forests, which form a large part of elephant habitat in the landscape, by making them Community Conservation Reserves (CCRs) to be managed by the community. The project will also help with regeneration of elephant habitat in disturbed and degraded community lands through active plantation of native, elephant-friendly vegetation; create positive incentives for conservation by strengthening community run nature tourism.

Satellite tracking of translocated elephants and conflict mitigation in Sabah.

ASE-0616 Danau Girang Field Centre, Sabah Wildlife Department

Grant# F12AP01198

FWS: \$24,650 Leveraged Funds: \$95,800

Location: Sabah, Borneo, Malaysia

The purpose of this project is to rescue elephants from palm oil plantations to the Central Sabah Managed Elephant Range, fit the rescued elephants with GPS collars to understand their migratory patterns throughout plantation areas, and develop conflict reduction guidelines for the oil palm plantations. Project activities include: (1) Elephant rescue and translocation in central Sabah Managed Elephant Range; (2) Use of satellite collars on rescued elephants; (3) Collect data on elephant movements after translocation; (4) Map the migratory routes of these elephants in order to propose migration corridors; (5) Data analysis and publication; (6) Draft human-elephant conflict mitigation guidelines for oil palm estates; (7) Present, discuss, and adopt these guidelines at a two day workshop involving the oil palm estates, Sabah Wildlife Department and Sabah Foundation; and (8) Begin using the guidelines in oil palm plantations.

MARINE TURTLES

MT 12-087 Action Communautaire de Development et d'Encadrement

Social (ACODES)

Grant# F12AP01085

FWS: \$15,204 Leveraged funds: \$1,257

Location: Democratic Republic of Congo

This grant supports a community based sea turtle conservation project along Muanda nesting beaches in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The recipient will patrol four nesting beaches to protect nesting olive ridley and leatherbacks as well as work with community artisanal fisherman to protect and release turtles captured in fishing nets. Education and awareness campaigns will also be conducted in local schools and communities.

Population recovery of the black sea turtle of Michoacán, Mexico.

MT 12-054 University of Michoacán

Grant# F12AP01088

FWS: \$24,999 Leveraged funds: 0

Location: Michoacán, Mexico

This grant will support a community based nesting beach conservation program for the black turtle at Colola and Maruata Beaches, the two most important nesting beaches for this species in the East Pacific.

Coastal protection of sea turtle in Bassa Point, Little Bassa and Edina, Liberia.

MT 12-075 Sea Turtle Watch

Grant# F12AP01090

FWS: \$15,004 Leveraged funds: \$6,193

Location: Liberia

This grant supports community based nest survey and protection efforts along 20 km of nesting beach and community outreach activities including establishment of four marine nature clubs with school youth, and work with local community leaders to develop community action plans to conserve sea turtles.

The Gabon Sea Turtle Partnership for leatherback conservation, 2012-2013.

MT 12-060 Wildlife Conservation Society

Grant# F12AP01122

FWS: \$200,000 Leveraged funds: \$63,037

Location: Gabon

This grant will support nesting beach conservation programs for one of the two largest leatherback nesting populations in the world through an alliance of National Park, NGO, and local community participants. The grant also supports the National Commission for National Parks to increase its capacity to address substantial sea turtle bycatch from legal and illegal coastal fisheries within and adjacent to coastal National Parks.

Marine turtle monitoring and protection in the Republic of Congo.

MT 12-068 Renatura

Grant# F12AP01127

FWS: \$24,999 Leveraged funds: \$33,482

Location: Republic of the Congo

This grant will support efforts to protect nesting leatherback and olive ridley sea turtles along 20 km of nesting beach adjacent to Conkouati-Douli National Park as well as continuation of a turtle bycatch release program with local fisherman that releases approximately 1,500 turtles annually. An environmental outreach program with local communities is an integral component of the project.

Solomon Islands community based leatherback monitoring, education, and awareness programs for Tetepare and Rendova Island.

MT 12-065 Tetepare Descendants Association

Grant# F12AP01149

FWS: \$31,224 Leveraged funds: \$8,500

Location: Tetepare and Rendova Island, Solomon Islands

This grant will support community based nesting beach conservation programs for two important leatherback nesting beaches in the Solomon Islands which are part of the critically endangered West Pacific leatherback nesting population.

Conservation and management of sea turtle populations in the Bijagos Archipelago (Guinea-Bissau): engaging local communities and strengthening national technical capacity.

MT 12-069 IPSA University

Grant# F12AP01150

FWS: \$19,936 Leveraged funds: \$28,500 Location: Bijagos Archipelago, Guinea-Bissau

This grant supports capacity building of local communities and the National Park Agency (IBAP) to carry out sea turtle conservation programs at Joao Vieira-Poilao Marine National Park and Orango National Park where poaching of nests and nesting females is still common. These Parks respectively host the largest green turtle nesting population in Africa and one of the largest olive ridley nesting population in the region

Support for the creation of the Elombo Marine National Park, Cameroon.

MT 12-053 Chelonee

Grant# F12AP01159

FWS: \$13,932 Leveraged Funds: \$12,344 Location: Elombo Marine National Park, Cameroon

This grant supports nest surveys and nest protection within the proposed marine national park and enables the grantee to assist the Ministry of Environment with fishing community meetings to address concerns and opposition to the planned Park.

Scientific and technical support for marine turtle conservation projects along the Atlantic Coast of Africa.

MT 12-066 Ocean Ecology Network

Grant# F12AP01174

FWS: \$51,618 Leveraged funds: \$27,680

Location: Atlantic Coast of Africa

This grant will provide technical support for MTCA funded projects in Morocco, Cape Verde, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Principe, Angola and Namibia and build capacity of implementing project personnel and institutions in the area of scientific techniques, methodologies and community involvement.

GREAT APES

Conservation management of eastern hoolock gibbon in Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary in Burma's Kachin State.

GA-0876 People Resources Conservation Foundation

Grant# F12AP01115

FWS: \$50,050 Leveraged funds: \$45,711

Location: Kachin State, Burma

This grant will contribute to the long-term survival and conservation of eastern hoolock gibbon in and around the Sanctuary by addressing immediate conservation needs. This will be done by: (1) reducing the direct threats to the gibbon habitat; (2) improving capacity for gibbon conservation; (3) establishing a long-term program to direct gibbon conservation management; and (4) conducting a review of the law enforcement capacity and needs of the sanctuary and developing standard operating procedures for key law enforcement tasks.

Development of a great ape health unit in Sabah, Malaysia.

GA-0947 EcoHealth Alliance

Grant# F12AP01117

FWS: \$44,499 Leveraged funds: \$525,264

Location: Sabah, Malaysia

This project will promote the health of Sabah's gibbons and orangutans by creating a new wildlife health monitoring and surveillance program that aims to minimize the risk of introducing ape populations to diseases when translocated apes are introduced into new populations from fragmented forests. Research will also be initiated that will study the link between deforestation and disease in apes.

Behavior, physiology, and health of mountain gorilla.

GA-0923 Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International

Grant# F12AP01120

FWS: \$38,280 Leveraged Funds: \$820,747

Location: Rwanda

This project aims to improve understanding of mountain gorilla stress resulting from natural and man-made events, which will yield conservation implications to be used in park management and tourism practices.

Tourism as a tool for conservation of Mountain Gorillas in the Albertine Rift: the case of Volcanoes National Park.

GA-0945 Clemson University

Grant# F12AP01121

FWS: \$30,648 Leveraged Funds: \$10,343

Location: Rwanda

This project will determine if the benefits from tourism, which are shared with local communities around the Volcanoes National Park, help to reduce park-dependency of local communities.

RANGE STATES

Developing a Conservation Strategy for Western Equatorial African Apes.

GA-0961 Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)

Grant# F12AP01126

FWS: \$52,438 Leveraged Funds: \$66,882

Location: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Equatorial Guinea

Gabon

The purpose of this project is for WCS to lead a participatory planning process to establish a cohesive and consensual plan of action (at both the national and regional levels) for the conservation of the western lowland gorilla and the central chimpanzee, ensuring a comprehensive approach with the buy-in of key stakeholders. the recipient will also build long-term support (at both the national and regional levels) for the ape conservation plan of action through collaborative participation in the workshop and collective development of the action plan by stakeholder potential donors and national governments.

Addressing human-orangutan conflict (HOC) in agricultural landscapes in northern Sumatra, Indonesia.

GA-0937 Orangutan Information Center

(Yayasan Orangutan Sumatera Lestari)

Grant# F12AP01153

FWS: \$48,439 Leveraged funds: \$21,578

Location: Sumatra, Indonesia

This project will conserve orangutans through research, education, rescue, and the implementation of the best human-orangutan conflict (HOC) methods. This will be done by: (1) responding to HOC reports from agricultural communities; (2) conducting regular field monitoring of isolated populations of orangutans as well as translocated orangutans; (3) collecting and mapping data on orangutan crop-raiding and conflict reduction methods being used by communities to deter orangutans; and (4) conducting outreach and training workshops on HOC reduction methods.

RHINO TIGER FUND

Managing access to unused logging roads: A practical means to protecting tiger prey populations in Primorye Russia.

RT-1282 Wildlife Conservation Society

Grant# F12AP00919

FWS: \$52,321 Leveraged funds: \$50,568

Location: Primorye, Russia

This project will demonstrate measurable changes in human access and wildlife population numbers, particularly ungulates, resulting from logging road closures in order to prove the effectiveness of closures for tiger conservation. This will be done by comparing changes in human use between 3 closed logging roads and 3 open logging roads. As warranted by the data, mandatory road closures will be promoted as a necessary component of Forest Stewardship Council certification.

Bringing about social change to reduce key threats to tigers in the Bangladesh Sundarbans, Year2

RT-1250 Wild Team (Formerly Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh)

Grant# F12AP00929

FWS: \$54,646 Leveraged funds: \$152,385

Location: Bangladesh

This project will use conservation education and public outreach to encourage local inhabitants to commit to not killing tigers or their prey by increasing social disapproval of these behaviors and by promoting saving tigers as heroism. This will be done by organizing a series of appropriately tailored outreach programs for teachers, journalists, religious leaders, local politicians and village men and women; organizing a boat race; erecting tiger conservation campaign banners, and carrying out the second annual Sundarbans Tiger Festival.

The Forest Eyes Initiative: Enhancing anti-poaching in Amur tiger habitat, Russian Far East.

RT-1258 Zoological Society of London

Grant# F12AP00962

FWS: \$36,010 Leveraged funding: \$43,603 Location: National parks in the Russian Far East

This grant will pilot test a new approach for gaining information on illegal human entries to protected tiger habitats. This will be done by developing and implementing a camera trap surveillance system to help monitor and combat poaching in Lazovsky State Nature Zapovednik and Zov Tigra National Park to better protect the tiger and its prey.

Protecting and monitoring tigers in the Corbett-Rajaji Landscape, India.

RT-1248 Panthera

Grant# F12AP01032

FWS: \$66,500 Leveraged funds: \$58,320

Location: Corbett-Rajaji Landscape, India

This grant will support and enhance law enforcement important to tiger conservation by training and equipping frontline staff and Special Operation Groups to prevent wildlife crimes. Also, by monitoring the density of tigers, co-predators, prey, and disturbance variables the project will evaluate protection efficacy and support appropriate management interventions.